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VIRGINIA GAZETTE.

Containing the freſheſt Advices, Foreign and Domeſtick.

From Friday, December 15, to Friday, December 22, 1738.

Mr. *Parks*,

The Feſtival appointed to be kept on the 25th Inſtant being near, it is hoped, that the following ſhort Piece on a ſerious Subject, will be a ſeaſonable Entertainment, as well as a Caution againſt the vain and profane Behaviour of many that wou'd be affronted to be told that they were not Chriſtians.

IT is a common Thing for thoſe who deſire a favour, not to be ſatisfied with a bare promiſe, but to preſs the perſon to whom they apply, to ſwear to the performance of it; and that ſometimes, although they know that he has no intention of performing. To ſwear unneceſſarily is certainly a great ſin; becauſe whoever takes the name of God in vain, on trifling occaſions, acts directly contrary to the known revealed law of God. And that perſon who incites another to ratifie his promiſe by an oath, *tho' only ſhews a mark of diſtruſt and infidelity in him that ſwears*; but is guilty of a ſin equal to that of the perſon ſwearing, and indeed in many caſes more heinous; eſpecially where the ſwearer is greatly provoked, and where the provoker knows, and is conſcious in his heart, that the perſon from whom he extorts the oath, has neither will, nor perhaps even power to keep it.

The benefit reap'd by this practice is but ſmall, or indeed altogether imaginary, † *For there is more truſt in honeſty than an oath*: †† *And a good man needeth not an oath*: and with ſuch whoſe honeſty will not bind them, an oath ſcarce ever will. Beſides in fact, theſe aſſeverations or oaths are ſeldom binding, being either the effect of fear, or paſſion, or tending to diſhoneſt ends: and if they have none of theſe bad circumſtances, there are many inſtances wherein they are not obligatory. For whatever act is before attended with ſome inward flaw, hindering an obligation to ariſe from it, cannot be rendered obligatory even by the addition of an oath. Neither can a prior obligation truly valid, be annulled by a ſubſequent oath; or the right which it gave another be thereby reverſed. And in promiſes and pacts, conſent, grounded upon oath, is not binding, in caſe the perſon who ſwore it, ſuppoſed ſome matter to be otherwiſe than it proves to be. But what muſt one think of an oath extorted by unjuſt fear or ſurprize? Surely the perſon who extorted it, cannot expect the performance, and is obliged to releaſe the promiſe thus obtained.

An oath can no where bind where it is contrary to law, divine, or human, or tho' the thing promiſed be not in itſelf unlawful, if it hinders any greater moral good, or if we are thereby withheld from any acts of humanity or piety. And a vow is not to be looked upon as good and valid, not only if it be unlawful, but alſo if it be ſilly and impertinent. And it is neceſſary to the force of an oath, that it be deliberately ſpoken from the heart, as well as by the mouth, and with a real deſign. For (as PUFFENDORF rightly obſerves) Thoſe cuſtomary expreſſions are not properly oaths, but profane abuſes of the name of God, ariſing from an ill habit of being too poſitive and vehement in talk. And no man that precipitately urges and provokes me to ſwear, or uſe thoſe aſſeverations to what he knows contrary to my intention, will, or power, can in conſcience expect me to keep my oath or aſſeveration, any more than I would my antecedent promiſe; there being but a ſmall, or even no additional obligation in them. At the ſame time he is guilty of an uncharitable act, and adds to the number of his own ſins, in provoking me to an abuſe of God's holy name, and drawing it into contempt. I wiſh men would conſider how little they gain by theſe extorted oaths, and how little they bind.

Yet I am not at all for leſſening the reverence due to an oath: for in all caſes where a man ſhall ſwear, and afterwards not perform, tho' he be not ſtrictly guilty of perjury, he is guilty of a high crime in taking God's holy name in vain. And the greater the crime is in the provoked, the greater it is in the provoker. I would men would conſider to what end they would incite others to call the auguſt majeſty of the Almighty God to be witneſs to ſuch things as he diſdains to hear. To all their profligate, idle, vain, and nauſeous diſcourſe; to all the ſilly, impertinent, trifling incidents of life. And to what end is it to invoke the attention and judgment of God to thoſe promiſes they can not be certain of keeping? But this pernicious practice is grown ſo common, that there is ſcarce one word now ſpoken, but is attended with an oath, or a curſe; which draws the name of God, and religion into contempt. Yet how little credit is given to all ſuch aſſeverations, or how is the man regarded from whom they come? *For*, as SOLOMON obſerves, *a good man is in that eſtimation, that he needeth not an oath: for it is a leſſening of his credit to ſwear.* SOCRATES declares it *a plain and ſure argument, that the heart is defiled, when the tongue uttereth wickedneſs.* And *What is an oath*, ſays CHARRON, *but a ſymptom and ſhameful mark of diſtruſt, infidelity, ignorance, and human infirmity, both in him that requires it, gives it, and ordains it?*

* *Charron.* † *Thales.* †† *M. Aurelius.*

By a Ship lately arriv'd at Hampton, *in about 7 Weeks from* Biddeford, *we have the following Advices:*

Petersburg, Auguſt 26. O. S.

A Confirmation of the Advantages gain'd by the Ruſſians over the Turks, in a fifth Action, has been ſent here by Count Munich, the Te Deum has been ſung for the ſame. People impatiently expect to hear of his having paſſed the Dnieſter, which nothing will hinder him from doing, but the Apprehenſion of wanting Forrage on the other ſide that River, the Enemy having burnt and deſtroyed the Country, to deprive the Ruſſians of Subſiſtance.

Warſaw, September 2. O. S. It's reported, that there has been a ſixth Action between the Ruſſian Army and that of the Turks, between the Dnieſter and the Bog, in which the Ruſſians have again got the Advantage. Whether this News be true, or only Rumour, will be aſcertained in the next.

London, Sept. 9. His Majeſty has been pleas'd to order Letters Patent to paſs the Great Seal of Great-Britain, conſtituting John Verney, Eſq; Maſter of the Rolls, in the Room of Sir Joſeph Jekyll, Knt. deceaſed.

We hear that Mr. Serjeant Skinner, Member of Parliament for the City of Oxford, will be appointed Chief Juſtice of Cheſter.

Yeſterday

Yeſterday the Right Hon. Sir Robert Walpole, who has been greatly indiſpoſed, was much better, and, we hear, will come to his Houſe at Chelſea, the beginning of the Week: He is attended by Sir Hans Sloane, and Dr. Hulſe.

London, *Sept.* 23. Thurſday was held a Board of Admiralty, when the Commiſſioners of the Navy and Victualling Office attended at the Admiralty, on ſpecial Affairs relating to the Navy.

On Tueſday a merry Scene happened at a Puppet-Show in Southwark Fair, as follows; a Punch ſtalking before the Spectators in a *Spaniſh Habit*, gave ſuch Diſguſt to an *Engliſh Dog*, *unmuzzl'd*, belonging to one of the Company, that he leap'd upon the Stage, ſeiſed poor Punchenello, and tore him in a terrible Manner, in Defiance of the Devil, at that Time in Conference with him, and his Conſervators alſo, who were ſadly put to their Trumps to ſave him, and bring Matters to an Accommodation.

London, *Sept.* 26. We hear by the laſt Letters which the Court of Petersburg received from the Veldt Marſhal Count Lacy, that his Excellency had ſent Two Detachments into the Heart of the Crim, one of which went to Bacciaſary, and the other towards Caffa; and that they returned to the Camp, with a great Number of Priſoners, and above 10,000 Head of Cattle.

The Right Hon. Sir Charles Wager is ſo well recovered, that he attended the Buſineſs of the Office, and gives the neceſſary Orders belonging to his high Station; tho' on Account of the Weakneſs in his Eyes, it is not thought convenient for him to come down into the Court-Room.

There are private Letters in Town which are filled with an Account of the gallant Behaviour of the Right Hon. the Earl of Crawford, a Voluntier in the Ruſſian Army commanded by Count Munich: All theſe Letters mention his Lordſhip's having ſuſtain'd an important Part in every Action that Army was engaged in; but are ſo far from ſaying any thing of his Lordſhip's being kill'd, as was reported, that they aſſure us that he has had the good Fortune hitherto to eſcape unwounded.

WILLIAMSBURG.

Saturday, *December* 9, 1738.

This Day, when the Bill, *for continuing the Inſpecting Law*, was read the third Time, Mr. *Conway* ſpoke the following Words, *viz.*

" Mr. *Speaker*, I am againſt the paſſing of this Bill, " notwithſtanding the Calculations and Demonſtrations " offer'd in its Favour: The worthy Gentleman miſtook " me, Yeſterday, when he ſaid, I wou'd allow none " but Planters, to be Judges of the good Conſequence " of this Bill: By my Expreſſion, I expected it wou'd " be plainly underſtood, that the Burthen and Grievance " of the *Inſpecting Law*, affected the Planter in a par- " ticular Manner: I did not ſay, it was not a good " Law for the Inſpectors, who had raiſed their Fortunes " by it; I did not ſay, that the Warehouſe Rents were " low, nor that it wou'd be no Advantage to the Own- " ers, to continue the Law; I did not ſay, that Sur- " veyors, County Court Clerks, and other Officers, wou'd " not be bettered by it: Such, and many others, in *Vir-* " *ginia*, *viz.* all Merchants, that do not trade in Tobacco, " Tradeſmen, and thoſe that are not Planters, may have " no Reaſon to complain of this Law; for they do not " bear the Burthen of it, nor feel where it pinches; the " Rider does not diſcern his own Weight, nor feel where " the Saddle hurts; but the Horſe does, tho' an inferior " Creature: Therefore, the Planters, under this Law, " may be compared to the Horſe; but, I think, it was " carrying the Jeſt too far, to compare them to an Aſs; " which was the Conſequence of their Argument, who " affirmed it was a good Law for the Planters; tho', " upon Seven Years Experience, they complain it is un- " equal, burthenſome, and grievous.

" 'Tis a Happineſs to *Virginia* to have in it, more " wiſe Men than Fools; but I think it wou'd be wrong " to reproach *Maryland*, for not following our Example. " It muſt be granted, that he is a Fool, that votes a- " gainſt his own Intereſt, when it is conſiſtent with his " Oath, his Honour, and the Publick Good, to be for " it: Yet, Sir, I muſt own, that if the Gentlemen, for " the Continuance of the Law for *Inſpecting Tobacco* " are right, I am that Fool. I know that the wiſe " Man ſays, *tho' you bray a Fool in a Mortar, he will* " *not depart from his Folly*: If it be my Lot to bear " ſuch a Reproach, I muſt ſubmit to it; but the Exam- " ple of thoſe that have changed their Opinions, (who " own'd, by their Vote, this Seſſion, that the Founda- " tion of the Law was ſuch, that, upon Seven Years " Experience, had convinced them, it was not poſſible " to make a good Law upon it) I hope will not fairly " bring me under the Cenſure of being an obſtinate Fool; " but whether it will or not, I am ſincerely againſt the " paſſing of this Bill; and I am ſure my Opinion is " grounded on a good Conſcience, and, I think, on good " Reaſon too."

After which, the Queſtion was put, and the Bill paſſed. On dividing, there was 39 Yeas, and 32 Noes.

Friday, *Dec.* 22. Yeſterday the Buſineſs of this Seſſion of the General Aſſembly, being brought to a Concluſion, His Honour the Governor was pleas'd to ſend a Meſſage in the Evening, to the Houſe of Burgeſſes, commanding their immediate Attendance in the Council-Chamber: Mr. Speaker, with the Houſe, went up accordingly. And the Governor was pleas'd to give his Aſſent to the following Public and Private Bills:

1. An Act, for further Continuing and Amending the Act, for Amending the Staple of Tobacco; and for Preventing Frauds in His Majeſty's Cuſtoms.

2. An Act, for the better Regulation of the Militia.

3. An Act, for Reviving the Act, for making more effectual Proviſion againſt Invaſions and Inſurrections.

4. An Act, for Altering the Method of Trial of certain Criminals therein mentioned.

5. An Act, for Continuing and Amending an Act, intituled, An Act, for laying a Duty on Liquors.

6. An Act, for further Continuing and Amending an Act, intituled, an Act, for laying a Duty upon Slaves.

7. An Act, for Amending the Act, intituled, an Act, for Making, Clearing, and Repairing the Highways, and for Clearing the Rivers and Creeks; and for making more effectual Proviſion for the keeping Mill-Dams in good Repair.

8. An Act, for Amending the Act, intituled, an Act, concerning Tithables.

9. An Act, to reſtrain Sheriffs, and other Officers, from making unreaſonable Seizures and Diſtreſſes; and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned.

10. An Act, for the better Regulating and Collecting certain Officers Fees; and other Purpoſes therein mentioned.

11. An Act, for Licenſing Pedlars; and preventing Frauds in the Duties on Skins and Furs.

12. An Act, to encourage Settlements on the *Southern* Boundary of this Colony.

13. An Act, declaring the Law concerning Attachments: And altering the Court-Days in the Counties of *Accomack*, and *Amelia*.

14. An Act, for the better Preſervation of the Breed of Deer; and preventing unlawful Hunting.

15. An Act, for appointing a Treaſurer.

16. An Act, for appointing ſeveral new Ferries; and diſcontinuing a former Ferry.

17. An Act, for Raiſing a Public Levy.

18. An Act, for better Securing the Title of certain Lands, to the Feoffees of the Town of *York*; and for ſettling the ſame for a Common, for the Uſe of the Inhabitants of the ſaid Town.

19. An Act, for the Relief of thoſe Perſons who were Sufferers in the Loſs of the Records of the County of *Nanſemond*, whoſe Caſes have not been already provided for.

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10. An Act, for Dividing the Pariſhes of *Southwark* and *Lawn's Creek*; and other Purpoſes therein mentioned.

11. An Act, for erecting Two new Counties and Pariſhes; and granting certain Encouragements to the Inhabitants thereof.

12. An Act, to prevent the Inhabitants of the *Borough* of *Norfolk*, from being compelled to ſerve in the Militia of the County of *Norfolk*; and to exempt Sailors or Seamen, in actual Pay on board any Ship or Veſſel, from ſerving in the Militia.

13. An Act, for veſting Three Hundred Acres of Land, with the Appurtenances, in the County and Pariſh of *Accomack*, Parcel of a greater Tract, whereof *John Wallop* is ſeiſed, in Fee Tail, in *Joſhua Kendall*, in Fee Simple; and for ſettling ſeveral Slaves to the Uſes of the remaining entailed Lands.

14. An Act, for allowing Fairs to be kept in the Town of *Fredericksburg*.

15. An Act, to enable *Ralph Wormely*, Eſq; to ſell and diſpoſe of certain entailed Lands, to raiſe Money for the Paiment of his Siſters Portions, and Performance of his Father's Will.

His Honour was alſo pleaſed to aſſent to the following *Reſolves* of the Houſe of Burgeſſes, which had had the Concurrence of the Council, *viz.*

Reſolved, That the Sum of One Hundred Pounds, be paid to Mr. *John Tennent*, for publiſhing his Diſcovery of the Uſe of the *Seneca Rattle-Snake Root*

Reſolved, That the ſaid Sum be paid him out of the Public Money in the Hands of the Treaſurer.

Reſolved, That the Sum of Two Hundred Thirty Nine Pounds and Seventeen Shillings, lately paid into the Treaſury by Col. *Spotſwood*, be paid to Col. *Benjamin Harriſon*, to be by him laid out in buying Arms for the County of *Brunſwick*, to be diſtributed amongſt the Inhabitants of that County, by the Court-Martial.

Reſolved, That an additional Salary of Eighty Pounds *per Annum*, be paid to *William Parks*; to commence from the laſt Day of this Inſtant.

Then his Honour was pleas'd to make the following SPEECH.

Gentlemen of the Council, Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes,

AS I have been always led, by Inclination, as well as Duty, to ſtudy, for the Sake of the Inhabitants, the Proſperity of this Colony, in the Improvement of our Staple; I thought it abſolutely neceſſary, at the Opening of this Seſſion, to ſhew a particular Regard to that Method for the Management of it, whereby their Intereſt and Credit have been ſo ſignally Secured and Preſerved: And tho' thoſe juſt and equitable Meaſures have not yet gained the Acceptance of many worthy Members, That muſt not leſſen them in my Eſteem, ſince, by the Diſcernment of Moſt, they are found, after Seven Years Trial, ſo well ſuited to the Circumſtances of our Trade, as to obtain the ſeaſonable Concurrence of this Aſſembly, for their Continuance.

AND altho' your commendable Endeavours to make ſuch Alterations in the Law, as were judged reaſonable to give Satisfaction, could not be brought to anſwer every particular Demand; if in General they prove available, your Conduct will be applauded. And now, by a Conceſſion due to the Support of ſo wholeſome an Eſtabliſhment, the Juſtices, in the ſeveral Counties, have the Nomination, I might almoſt ſay the Appointment, of the Inſpectors, committed to them; if they will but countenance and encourage thoſe neceſſary Officers in their Employments, I am perſuaded, their miſtaken Neighbours will the ſooner be convinced, how much an indulgent Reſtraint, on which their own and the Public Welfare depend, is to be preferred to Liberty, ſo deſtructive to Both.

Gentlemen,

THERE are ſo many Witneſſes to the Prudence and Moderation of all your Proceedings, which I have with Pleaſure and Approbation ſo often obſerved, that I need not tell the World what Reſpect is due to you on that Account: And therefore I ſhall detain you no longer than to own, that my Thanks are too poor an Acknowledgment for the Services you have done your King and Country, and much more ſo, for the remarkable Inſtance of your Zeal for the Glory of God: But wiſhing all of you a merry Chriſtmaſs, an happy new Year, and many of them, I will only add, that I have thought fit to prorogue this Aſſembly to the Third Thurſday *in* May *next; and this Aſſembly is accordingly prorogued to that Time.*

ADVERTISEMENTS.

STray'd away from the Plantation of Mr. John Ward, *near* Kingſland, *in the County of* Henrico, *a Sorrel Horſe, with a Blaze in his Face; he has a Sorrel Mane and Tail, branded on the near Buttock with the Letter* R. *Whoever will bring the ſaid Horſe to the Subſcriber in* Surry *County, ſhall have a Piſtole Reward.* William Simmons.

A Single young Man, that is qualified to be an Overſeer, may hear of a good Place, in that Employment, if he will apply himſelf to Capt. William Rogers, *at* York *Town.*

WHereas a Negro Boy, named Tom, *belonging to Capt.* Thomas Godwin, *of* Nanſemond *County, was ſent on an Errand on the Thirteenth of this Inſtant, to a Place, about Three Miles diſtant from his Maſter's Plantation, and has not ſince been heard of. The ſaid Negro is this Country born, well ſet, and about Twelve Years of Age: Had on a* Manx *Cloth Jacket and Breeches, and an Oznabrig Shirt. He rode a ſmall light grey Horſe, branded on the Buttock,* T. *with an old* Virginia *made Saddle, and ſnaffle Bridle. It is ſuppoſed the ſaid Negro is decoy'd away. Whoever ſecures the ſaid Negro Boy, ſo that his Maſter may have him again, ſhall have Two Piſtoles Reward: Or if any one will apprehend the Perſon who decoy'd him away, ſo that he be convicted thereof, he ſhall receive Five Piſtoles Reward, from* Thomas Godwin, *Jun.*

THIS is to give Notice, that on Saturday *the 2d of this Inſtant* December, Mark Morgan, *late of* Eſſex *County, Stole and carried away from the Subſcriber's Plantation, a Negro Man, named* Ralph, *being a well-ſet Fellow, of middle Stature, and yellow Complexion, aged about* 38 *Years; he ſpeaks broken but intelligible* Engliſh: *He had on when carried away, a White Cotton Jacket and Breeches, Brown Linen Shirt, Plading Hoſe, and* Virginia *Leather Shoes. The ſaid* Mark Morgan *is a tall Fellow, about* 26 *Years of Age, and wore a Browniſh colour'd Coat, and a Blue Duffel great Coat: He rode upon a Cheſnut colour'd Horſe, branded with a Horſe-Shoe on one of his Buttocks, but may change both his Horſe and Cloaths; he lived ſome Time on* New *River in* North-Carolina, *and it is thought will go that Way. He alſo had with him in Company, one* Edward Cullen, *a ſhort, thick Fellow, with ſhort curl'd Black Hair, has a freſh Complexion, and is an* Iriſhman: *He had on a Gallowſheels Jacket, White Shirt, Checkt Linen Breeches, Brown Linen Trowſers over them, and an old Hat: They alſo had with them a ſmall Black Horſe, with a Star in his Forehead, his Two hind Feet White, and branded on the near Buttock thus* MA. *Whoever apprehends the ſaid* Mark Morgan, *ſo that he may be brought to Tryal for ſtealing the ſaid Negro, ſhall have Five Piſtoles Reward; and whoever will bring the ſaid Negro to the Subſcriber's Plantation, near the Upper End of* Eſſex, *ſhall have Five Piſtoles Reward, paid by*

Thomas Thorp.

STOLEN from Col. John Martin, *of* Caroline *County, about the 20th of* October *laſt, a Silver Pint Can, fluted up the Sides, and his Coat of Arms engraved on it, viz. A Cheveron between Three Half Moons: As alſo*

also a plain Gold Ring, with the Letters IMM. engraved on the Inside of it. Whoever brings the said Cart to Col. Martin, shall have a Pistole; and for the Ring, Fifteen Shillings Reward.

STray'd away from the Subscribers, about the 25th of September last, a Chesnut Sorrel Stallion, branded on the near Buttock, with a V, V, scarcely perceivable: He is a low well set Horse, and paces Naturally: His Mane hangs on both Sides his Neck; had Shoes on his Fore Feet when he Strayed. If any Person will bring the said Horse to the Subscribers, living in Spotsylvania County, he shall receive a Pistole Reward, of

William Waller.

STRAY'D or Stolen, from the Subscriber, in Caroline County, a middle siz'd dark grey Mare, with hanging Mane, and switch Tail, and branded on the near Buttock, thus, °o°; she had about her Neck, when she went away, a small Cord; she is an open Mare, but was rung with three Rings: Likewise a Bay Horse Colt, about a Year and Half old, with a small Star in his Forehead, paces naturally, not cut nor dockt, branded on the near Buttock thus, X. Any Person that will take up the said Mare and Colt, and bring them to my House, in the aboveſaid County, on Mattapony, near the Doge Town, shall have a Pistole Reward, paid by

John Sutton.

STRAY'D away from the Plantation of the Subscriber, in King William County, about the 10th of October last, a large Dun-colour'd New-York Horse, with a short black Sprig Tail and Main, and very poor; branded on the near Shoulder, (but uncertain what the Brand is,) he paces very well, and easy. Whoever will bring the said Horse to my House in King William County, shall have a Pistole Reward, paid by

James Power.

STray'd or stolen, the 2d of November last, from Col. William Meriwether's, in Hanover County, a middle-siz'd Horse, between a Bay and a Chesnut Colour, Branded on the near Buttock thus 33, one of his Eyes is put out, he was newly trim'd; there are a few White Hairs in his Face.

Lost at the same Time, and from the same Place, a middle-siz'd Bay Mare, branded on the near Shoulder with TF join'd in one, and is also branded on the Buttock. If any Person will take up the said Horse and Mare, and send them to the Subscriber in Spotsylvania County, or secure them so that I may get them again, shall receive a Pistole Reward, from

Rice Curtis, *Jun.*

STray'd from me the Subscriber, of Hanover County, the 12th of September last, a Bay Mare, of about 4 Feet 4 Inches high, branded on the near Buttock thus, I and she hath some White on the lower Part of her Face, and a Part of one of her hind Hoofs is White, and one Side of her Buttock is of a darker Colour than any other Part of her Body; her Mane hangs on both Sides of her Neck, and has a long Tail, having never been dockt; but the Hair of the Tail has been eaten by Calves. Whoever will bring the said Mare to me in Hanover County, near New-Market Mill, or to Mr. Thomas Branch's, in Henrico County, at Kingsland Ferry, shall have Ten Shillings Reward, paid by me

Robert Harris, *Jun.*

RAN away from the Subscriber, in Williamsburg, on Thursday the 31st of August, Two Servant Taylors, John Thompson, born in the Parish of Blissland, in New-Kent County; is a tall Lad, with a long thin Visage, pale Complexion, and is about Eighteen Years of Age. Had on, when he went away, a dark Snuff colour'd Kersey Coat, two Russia Linen Shirts, a Pair of long Oznabrig Trowsers, Shoes, but no Stockings. The other named John Macce, who was condemned last April Court; is a well-set, white-looking Fellow, about 24 Years of Age. Had on, a black Wig, a dark colour'd Coat, with white Metal Buttons, a white Virginia Cotton Waistcoat, a Pair of Oznabrig long Trowsers, Shoes, but no Stockings. He has likewise an old Indenture, with a Discharge on the Back of it, which may serve him for a Pass. They have been seen to go towards North-Carolina. Whoever will secure the said Runaways, and bring them to their Master, in Williamsburg, shall have Forty Shillings Reward, besides what the Law allows, paid by

William Wyatt.

N. B. The said John Macce has been since seen in North-Carolina, and goes by the Name of John Morphey.

To be Sold,

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